

<b>Offertory:</b>	April 13, 2014	OLM \$ 699,	OLV \$519,	COS \$688	Total \$1,906.
	April 12, 2015	OLM \$1,385,	OLV \$496,	COS \$623	Total \$2,504 (incl. online giving).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday May 2 OLM 4:00 PM For Dorothy Elliott, requested by Marie Lee  
 Sunday May 3 OLM 8:30 AM For Conchita P. Cabiluna, requested by Yoli and Ted Gochenour  
 Sunday May 3 OLV 10:30 AM For Antony Hrynkiwicz, requested by Carol Bemis  
 Sunday May 3 COS 12:30 PM For Alejandrina Damos, requested by Myrna Bills  
 Saturday May 9 OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday May 10 OLM 8:30 AM For Margaret Whitman, requested by Yoli & Ted Gochenour  
 Sunday May 10 OLV 10:30 AM For Freeman and Alma Ransom,  
 requested by Deacon Richard and Daisy Anderberg  
 Sunday May 10 COS 12:30 PM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**May 3: CCD Class, 9:30 AM; May Crowning at OLV**  
**May 3: DESSERT AUCTION, after Mass (~ 11:30), OLV**  
**May 6: CONFIRMATION, 7:00 PM, St. Charles in Bellows Falls**  
 May 8: Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, 3 PM, OLM  
**May 10: MOTHER'S DAY, Crowning of Mary, 8:30 AM, OLM**  
**May 10: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Church in Eastern Europe**  
 May 13: Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV  
 May 15: Adoration, 3-4PM, OLV, every third Friday of the month.  
**May 17: Last CCD class of the year, 9:30 AM, and First Communion, OLV**



**From the Development Office of the Diocese of Burlington**

We are kicking off the 2015 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal at the end of April, and this year, In-Pew Commitment Weekend will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We have already received more support than this time last year and are so thankful to see the level of participation. After the success of last year's early In-Pew Commitment Weekend, we hope this year will bring even better results. Please know that if you are able to pledge early, or pledge online any time, resources will be conserved. Please visit [bishopsfund.org](http://bishopsfund.org) to see updated information on what ministries the 2015 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal supports, Bishop Coyne's new initiatives for 2015, parish goal listings, printable materials, and other helpful links, including a personal video message from Bishop Coyne.

**If you wish to pledge online, look for our link to secure online giving:**  
**"GIVE NOW" at [bishopsfund@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:bishopsfund@vermontcatholic.org)**



*Cameron Joseph Anderberg*  
 &  
*Nathan Lawrence Claussen*  
 will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**  
 on **May 6, 2015**  
 at **St. Charles Church,**  
**Bellows Falls**



*May the Holy Spirit*  
*fill their hearts with love and grace!*



Bring your appetites and wallets to our first ever **DESSERT AUCTION! 5/3/15** after Mass at **Our Lady of the Valley**

We are also looking for donated homemade baked goods, which will be auctioned off.

**Bragging rights go to the Dessert that receives the highest bid!**

**Come and indulge!**



**Weekly Intention**

**For the grace this week to live as true disciples of Jesus and to bear much fruit in our daily life.**



**From Fr. Fred:** Would you like to know how a saint thinks and prays? Here's a wonderful example from St. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Doctor of the Church (A.D. 1109).

*Let me know you and love you , so that I may find my joy in you*

"My soul, have you found what you are looking for? You were looking for God, and you have discovered that he is the supreme being, and that you could not possibly imagine anything more perfect. You have discovered that this supreme being is life itself, light, wisdom, goodness, eternal blessedness and blessed eternity. He is everywhere, and he is timeless.

Lord my God, you gave me life and restored it when I lost it. Tell my soul that so long for you what else you are besides what it has already understood, so that it may see you clearly. It stands on tiptoe to see more, but apart from what it has seen already, it sees nothing but darkness. Of course it does not really see darkness, because there is no darkness in you, but it sees that it can see no further because of the darkness in itself.

Surely, Lord, inaccessible light is your dwelling place, for no one apart from yourself can enter into it and fully comprehend you. If I fail to see this light it is simply because it is too bright for me. Still, it is by this light that I do see all that I can, even as weak eyes, unable to look straight at the sun, see all that they can by the sun's light.

The light in which you dwell, Lord, is beyond my understanding. It is so brilliant that I cannot bear it, I cannot turn my mind's eye toward it for any length of time. I am dazzled by its brightness, amazed by its grandeur, overwhelmed by its immensity, bewildered by its abundance.

O supreme and inaccessible light, O complete and blessed truth, how far you are from me, even though I am so near to you! How remote you are from my sight, even though I am present to yours! You are everywhere in your entirety, and yet I do not see you; in you I move and have my being, and yet I cannot approach you; you are within me and around me, and yet I do not perceive you.

O God, let me know you and love you so that I may find my joy in you; and if I cannot do so fully in this life, let me at least make some progress everyday, until at last that knowledge, love and joy come to me in all their plenitude. While I am here on earth let me learn to know you better, so that in heaven I may know you fully; let my love for you grow deeper here, so that there I may love you fully. On earth then I shall have great joy in hope, and in heaven complete joy in the fulfillment of my hope.

O Lord, through your Son you command us, no, you counsel us to ask, and you promise that you will hear us so that our joy may be complete. Lord, I am making the request that you urge us to make through your Wonder-Counselor. Give me then what you promise to give through your Truth. You, O God, are faithful; grant that I may receive my request, so that my joy may be complete.

Meanwhile, let this hope of mine be in my thoughts and on my tongue; let my heart be filled with it, my voice speak of it; let my soul hunger for it, my body thirst for it, my whole being yearn for it, until I enter into the joy of the Lord, who is Three in One, blessed for ever. Amen."

**Quote of the week:**

*"Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor."*

- Pope Francis

**Just for Fun:**

**Pastor:** "Mabel, you're at an age now when you should be thinking about the hereafter."

**Mabel:** "Oh. I do, pastor. I think about it all the time. Very often when I go into a room I stop just inside the door and think: 'Now, what am I here after?'"



**The Spanish Mass will take place on Sunday, May 10th at 12:30 PM at St. Joseph in Chester.**



*Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

